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OF THE  
LORDS & COMMONS

Asssembled in  
PARLIAMENT:

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*Die Jonis, 23. September, 1647.*

**T**HE Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for the better securing, and encouragement of all and every such person and persons, Bodies Politique and Corporate, as already have, or hereafter shall become Purchaser, or Purchasers from the Trusters (appointed by Ordinance of Parliament for the sale of Bishops Lands) of any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Franchises, Rents, Fees, Liberties, Royalties, and Hereditaments, whatsoever late belonging to any Arch-Bishop, or Bishop, with in the Realm of England or Dominion of Wales; Doe Order and Ordain, and bee it hereby Ordered and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall, and may be lawfull for all, and every such Purchaser, or Purchasers to have, and passe one or more Letters,

Patents, under the Great Seale of *England*, of all  
 or any part of the Mannours, Lands, Tenements,  
 Franchises, Annuities, Fees, Liberties, Royalties,  
 and Hereditaments with their appurtenances so  
 by him, or them purchased from the said Tru-  
 stees as aforesaid, to bee holden of the King as  
 of his Mannour of *East Greenwich* by Fealty one-  
 ly, and not in Capite nor Knights service: And  
 be it further Ordained and Declared by the Au-  
 thority aforesaid, That all and every Bodies and  
 Body Politique and Corporate within the King-  
 dome of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, shall  
 have power and capacity, and are hereby ena-  
 bled to receive, take, and purchase to them-  
 selves and their successors for ever, any of the  
 said Mannours, Lands, Tenements, Franchises,  
 Annuities, Fees, Liberties, Royalties, and He-  
 reditaments whatsoever belonging to the said  
 Arch-Bishop and Bishops, without any License  
 or Licenses of Alienation in Mortmain first sued  
 forth, or obtained for that purpose, any Law, Statute,  
 Ordinance, or Charter to the contrary here-  
 of in any wise notwithstanding. And be it fur-  
 ther Ordered and Ordained by the Authority a-  
 foresaid, That the Attorney Generall, or Solicitor  
 Generall for the time being, upon shewing  
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forth of any such deed or purchase under the hands and Seales of the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, is hereby authorized and required to prepare a Bill in usuall forme containing the Kings Grant to such Purchaser and Purchasers, their Heyres, and successors of the Lands, and Premises so purchased by him, or them, according to the tenor and effect of such Deed of purchase; which Bill so prepared, the Lord Chaneellor, Lord Keeper, or Commissioners for the great Seale of *England*, for the time being, are hereby authorized, and required to passe under the said great Seale in usuall forme accordingly. And it is further Ordained, That no Fine or Fee be demanded, or paid into the Hanaper for or in the Kings Name, or to his use upon the passing of any such Grant, or of any other Grant, where Lands have been or shall be sold by Ordinance of Parliament, to any person or persons in satisfaction of the Debts of the Kingdome, but all and every such Fines, except as afore excepted, save onely a fourth part of what has been formerly demanded and paid, are hereby pardoned and discharged. And it is further Ordained, That the Register for the sale of Bishops Lands for the time being, the Surveyors of the

said Lands, the Stewards of all or any the said  
 Courts belonging to any of the said Bishops, and  
 all other Officers, and persons who have in their  
 Hands, or in the hands of others for them any  
 Counterparts of Leases, Antient Survaies, Co-  
 pies of Court Rolls, Rentals, Terrais, or other  
 Deeds, Records, or writings which concerne on-  
 ly any of the Mannours or premises so already  
 purchased, or hereafter to be purchased as afore-  
 said, are hereby authorised and required upon  
 sight of any such deed of purchase from the said  
 Trustees as aforesaid, to deliver forth with all the  
 Counterparts of Leases, and all other the Re-  
 cords, and writings before mentioned, which  
 concerne onely the Mannours, Lands, and premi-  
 ses comprised within any such deed of purchase  
 unto the respective purchaser and no other;  
 Provided, that no person which maketh Title to  
 any of the said Lands or premises, (other then the  
 Arch Bishops and Bishops themselves) be com-  
 pelled by this Ordinance to deliver out of his  
 Lands any such Lease or writing as aforesaid, con-  
 cerning those Lands which he maketh his claime.  
 And it is further ordained and declared by the  
 authority aforesaid, that all and every person, &  
 persons, bodies politique and corporare, who  
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have already contracted for, or hereafter shall contract for any of the said Mannours, Lands, and premises with the Contractors appointed for the sale of Bishops Lands, shall prosecute and procure their respective conveyances from the Trustees appointed to passe such conveyances within eight weekes after the passing of this Ordinance; That is to say, all such persons as have already contracted shall prosecute and procure their respective conveyances from the Trustees within eight weekes next after the date of this Ordinance; and such persons as shall hereafter contract within eight weekes next after the date of their respective Contracts, unlesse they shew such good cause for such their delay as the said Contractors shall under their hands approve of and allow. And in default hereof, all and every such person and persons, Bodies Politique and Corporate, so contracting and taking default as aforesaid, shall forfeit a third part of the value of the monies agreed to bee paid upon their respective Contracts, to bee defalked out of the monies any wayes due to them from the Commonwealth, or to bee levied upon their Lands and Goods in such manner as both Houses of Parliament shall hereafter ordaine and appoint.

And

And it is lastly Ordained, that this Ordinance be forthwith Printed, and published, and sent down to the Sheriffes of all the Counties of England and Dominion of *Wales* by the care of the said Trustees, which said respective Sheriffes are hereby required to publish the same in all their next respective County Courts, after the Receipt hereof as aforesaid.

*John Browne Cler. Parliamentum.*

*W. Elfringe Cler. Parl. D. Com.*

Ordinance, and shall hereafter contract within eight weeks next after the date of their respective Contracts, unless they show such good cause for such their delay as the said Court shall under their hands approve of and allow. And in default hereof, and every such person and persons, Bodies Politique and Corporate, to contract making default as aforesaid shall forfeit a fifth part of the value of the monies agreed to be paid upon their respective Contracts, to be deducted out of the monies any wayes due to them from the Common-wealth, or to be levied upon their Lands and Goods in such manner as both Houses of Parlia-

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